

## OFFER ON RECORDS RENEWED BY DODD

Senator Says Ethics Panel  
Can Look at Financial Data

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 — Senator Thomas J. Dodd has renewed his offer to make all his files and records available to the Senate ethics committee.

The Connecticut Democrat, whose conduct is under investigation by the committee, made his offer while he was being interviewed by William Buckley Jr. on his television program, "The Firing Line."

A repeat of an earlier showing of the program was given here Monday night.

Senator Dodd's offer will greatly facilitate the work of the ethics committee—formally known as the Select Senate Committee on Standards and Conduct—which is headed by Senator John Stennis, Democrat of Mississippi.

At the request of Senator Dodd, the committee is investigating charges by Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson in a series of newspaper columns that began last February. They said the Senator had diverted to his own use part of the proceeds from four political fund-raising dinners and cocktail parties from 1961 to 1965.

### Favors for Companies

The columnists have also charged that Senator Dodd performed favors for several companies that held contracts with the Government and received something of value in return.

When Mr. Dodd first offered to make all his files available, according to members of the Senate ethics committee, he believed the committee intended to inquire only into his relations with Julius Klein, head of a Chicago public relations firm.

The two columnists had charged that Mr. Dodd visited West Germany in April, 1964, to help Mr. Klein "hang onto his clients."

Some of these clients had canceled their contracts with Mr. Klein because of publicity resulting from his testimony in 1963 before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which was investigating the agents of foreign governments in the United States.

However, when the ethics committee indicated that it also intended to examine Senator Dodd's use of the proceeds of testimonial dinners and of his campaign finances, he withdrew his offer and refused to make his financial files available.

On July 20, John F. Sonnett, the Senator's counsel, said that the Senate resolution creating the ethics committee did not give it jurisdiction to investigate campaign finances.

Consequently, Benjamin R. Fern, the committee counsel, has issued subpoenas to banks, insurance companies and businesses with which Senator Dodd had dealings to get information he might easily have obtained if Mr. Dodd had made his files available. This has been a time-consuming process and has delayed the committee's hearings.

The committee could subpoena the Senator's files, but has decided not to do so because it does not wish to be in the position of seeming to force the Senator.

The Senator also disclosed Monday night that the Wall Street law firm of Cahill, Gordon, Reindel and Ohl had undertaken to represent him without fee before the ethics committee and in a \$2-million dollar libel and conspiracy suit against the columnists.

Mr. Sonnett is the fourth-ranking partner of the firm. In hearings before the committee, Mr. Sonnett has been assisted by three other lawyers in the firm.

Reached by telephone, Mr. Sonnett confirmed that there would be no charge of any fee to the Senator because he was taking the case "as a public tor Dodd, according to records in the hands of the Senate ethics committee, billed the Senate Subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency for air travel, and rendered a second bill to the organizations that asked him to speak.

But he added that he was confident that the columnists would have to pay a large sum "for damage" and that he expected his firm to be paid by Senator Dodd if there was an award.

John Cahill, head of the firm, is a prominent Democrat and is known to be close to Thomas G. Corcoran, a Washington lawyer, who was one of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "brain trust" and still performs political chores for President Johnson.

### Adviser to Dodd

In an interview with a New York Times reporter recently, Mr. Corcoran made no secret of the fact that he was advising Senator Dodd.

The hour-long interview Monday night was sponsored by the Shick Razor Company, which is headed by Patrick Frawley.

In his 1964 campaign for reelection, Senator Dodd received a contribution of \$5,000 from Mr. Frawley, the limit allowed by the law, and another \$5,000 from Mrs. Frawley.

The program Monday night, broadcast only in the Wash-

ington area, was seen on Channel 5, operated by Metropolitan Broadcasting Television, a division of Metromedia. It may be carried later by other Metromedia stations.

The president of Metromedia, John W. Kluga, whom Senator Dodd listed as contributing \$500 to his 1964 campaign.

Mr. Buckley asked no questions about Senator Dodd's campaign expenses or about his apparently numerous "double billings" for air travel expenses, which have been disclosed in news dispatches from Washington.

On several occasions, Sena-